

Application No. 10/754,019
Response to 1 August 2005 Non-Final Office Action

REMARKS

Claims 7-13 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-6 and 14-18 are canceled, claims 19-20 having been previously canceled without prejudice pursuant to a restriction requirement.

Claim 7 is amended to recite the limitations of canceled and allowable claim 16.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 112

1. Claims 2 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 as indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. However, in order to advance the prosecution of this Application, claims 2 and 14 are canceled. In view of the cancellation of claims 2 and 14 reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 102

2. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by FR 2,481,210. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. However, in order to advance the prosecution of this Application, claim 17 is cancelled. Because 17 is cancelled, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 103

3. Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over FR 2,481,210; and claims 1-15 and 17-18 are rejected over JP 6-278260A, in view of FR 2,481,210. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. However, in order to advance the prosecution of this Application, claims 1-6 and 14-18 are cancelled and the limitations of allowable claim 16 are amended into claim 7, which is submitted to be in condition for allowance. The remaining claims (8-13) depend directly or indirectly from claim 7. Therefore, the remaining claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance as well. In view of cancelled claims 1-6 and 14-18 and the amendments to claim 7, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Allowable/Allowed Claims

The Office Action stated that claim 16 is deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. For reasons stated above, all pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.


Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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